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LETTER DATED 28 JULY 1994 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic, issued on 28 July 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement dated 28 July 1994 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan

In the past few days in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, the armed forces of Armenia have been continuing their "scorched earth" tactics aimed at destroying towns and villages in the captured districts, demolishing all of Azerbaijan's cultural and historical monuments, the massive cutting down of forests and gardens, the disruption of communications and the plundering of industrial enterprises with the subsequent removal of the stolen property to the territory of Armenia.

At the same time, in accordance with orders from Armenian leaders, railroad sections and tunnels are being deliberately destroyed in the Zangelan and Djebrail districts of Azerbaijan. In order to remove stolen property to the territory of Armenia, the occupiers have kept in operation only the Mindjevan-Kafan railroad line.

Such acts of vandalism are designed to weaken Azerbaijan and deprive it in the future of the possibility of speedily restoring the economies of the occupied districts after the occupiers have gone. At the same time, they are pursuing the objective of striking at Azerbaijan's economic ties with neighbouring States, which were maintained through these districts.

Azerbaijan's leaders call upon all international organizations and the entire world community to raise their voice in protest against the latest acts of vandalism being carried out by Armenia.